

**IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE**

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Title: SPLICE VARIANT OF HEAD TRAUMA INDUCED CYTOPLASMATIC CALCIUM BINDING PROTEIN

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 7. (Amended) A recombinant host cell comprising the expression vector of claim 6 or a membrane thereof expressing the polypeptide of an isolated polypeptide selected from one of the groups consisting of:**
- (a) an isolated polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1;**
  - (b) an isolated polypeptide comprising a polypeptide sequence having at least 95% identity to the polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;**
  - c) an isolated polypeptide having at least 95% identity to the polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2; and**
  - d) the polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 and**
  - (e) fragments and variants of such polypeptides in (a) to (d).**